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Noticias y Notas

News and notes from the Second Judicial District Court

Court program manager, accomplished musician: the two sides of Gilbert Jaramillo

Around the Second Judicial District Court, we know him as manager of the Judicial Supervision and Diversion Programs. But to the outside world, Gilbert Jaramillo is better known as the keyboard player and lead vocalist for Str8 Shot, a band that regularly performs at festivals, casinos and other venues throughout New Mexico and Southern Colorado.



Gilbert Jaramillo with one of the awards won by his band, Str8 Shot.

"It's almost like two separate worlds," Gilbert said. "Outside of work I am known as a musician, and most people come in contact with in the music world don't even know that I have a day job."

The JSDP staff knows about Gilbert's other life as a musician. In fact, some staff members have attended events at which Str8 Shot performed. It's also likely that they found themselves dancing to the band's music.

Str8 Shot calls itself a "New Mexico Music/Variety" band. What that means, according to Gilbert, is the group's sound is based on music that has been played by generations of New Mexicans, but it doesn't end there. It contains elements of multiple music genres, including country and rock and roll.

"There is even a German Polka feel to a lot of the music we do," Gilbert said. "When you put it

all together, you have something pretty unique. It makes people want to get up and dance. So, I guess you could say we are a dance band."

[For the rest of the story, click here.](#)

Remember safety protocols

Though no date has been set, SJDC is making plans for resuming jury trials. That means more people will be entering court facilities, making it more important for everyone to pay close attention to safety protocols such as wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing.

Once the plans for jury trials are finalized, we will get information on exact procedures to follow to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our workplace.



Shout outs



This is the space where we sound the horn for outstanding performances.

This week's shout out goes to everyone who participated in the **drive to donate to Road-runner Food Bank**. Several people get special recognition for helping to load and deliver the items this past Wednesday. Those folks are pictured on the next page. However, everyone who donated also deserves a big **Thank You** for making this drive a rousing success.

We need more news and notes. Share your stories by contacting us at:

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A hefty donation

Here is a look at the donation SJDC employees made to Roadrunner Food Bank. Below on the left is the car loaded up for the delivery. On the right is the crew that loaded the car. They are in the front, **Eric Mitchell**, from HR, **Argelia Barraza**, from JJC, **Paula Rogers** from the Civil Division and **Maureen Polikoff** from the Court Clinic. In back are **Katherine Drozek** from Administration and **Tim Reed** from the Court Clinic. At the very bottom is Katherine at Roadrunner Food Bank with one of the five shopping carts the donations filled. In total, SJDC donation 176 pounds were of food. **Very well done!**



Identify the graduate

If you guessed last week's graduate was Chief Judge Stan Whitaker, you were correct. Christine Martinez from the Child Support Division submitted that answer first. Christine, contact [Janet Van Why](#) in HR to claim your prize.

This week's graduate photo is [posted here](#). A warning: The guessing gets tougher going forward.

